

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 1461-01  
Bill No.: HB 538  
Subject: Elections: Single Ballot Primary  
Type: Original  
Date: February 17, 2001

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**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>Unknown to (Unknown)</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 3 pages.

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials of the **Office of Secretary of State** assume any costs by local election authorities would be paid by the election authority. Officials assume any additional costs associated with the pilot project would be absorbed . Therefore, officials assume no fiscal impact to their office.

Officials of the **Kansas City Board of Election Commissioners** stated that they use a “universal” primary ballot, so very little cost would be involved if Kansas City were to be a pilot for the proposed form of voting.

Officials of the **Cape Girardeau County Clerk’s** office assume if they were a pilot for the single ballot project, that it would reduce the cost of printing ballot pages. Oversight assumes savings would be minimal, since no estimate of savings was submitted.

**Oversight assumes that costs or savings from printing would depend upon the size of the county and the system used for voting. Oversight assumes that the county would pay any additional costs of the pilot project if there were any additional costs, and would benefit from any savings if there were savings. Oversight assumes costs or savings would be minimal. Counties would have primary election costs regardless of the pilot program, therefore, Oversight will show fiscal impact to local governments as a positive unknown if a county experienced some savings in costs, and a negative unknown if the pilot county would experience additional election costs. Oversight assumes either impact would be minimal.**

**Oversight assumes the pilot program would be conducted at the August primary in FY 2003.**

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
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<b>Local Government</b> fiscal impact from conducting pilot voting program	\$0	Unknown to (Unknown)	\$0
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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This bill requires the Secretary of State to administer a pilot project establishing a single-ballot primary for counties that wish to participate. A procedure for participating in the pilot project is detailed, as well as the method for determining the candidate listing order.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of Secretary of State  
Kansas City Board of Election Commission  
Cape Girardeau County Clerk



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